

Fighting for Peace

Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”¹

- **What is peace?**
 - Peace is not . . .
 - A truce
 - Avoidance of the issues
 - Appeasement
 - Negotiated
 - Peace is . . .
 - Completeness and wholeness
 - Based on purity (Matthew 5:8-9; James 3:17-18)
- **Peacemakers reveal the character of their father**
 - Colossians 1:19-20
 - Ephesians 2:13-17
 - Philippians 2:3-8
- **Peacemakers are involved in the family business**
 - Peacemakers fight for peace (Romans 12:18; 14:19; Ephesians 4:3)
 - Peacemakers build bridges to those who are alienated (Matthew 5:38-47)
 - Don't retaliate (5:38; 43)
 - Do good (5:39-42)
 - Pray for enemies (5:44)
 - Treat all with respect (5:47)
 - Peacemakers proclaim the gospel of peace (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

¹ *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. electronic ed. Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 1996, c1984